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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Sweet Compromise

THE Legislative Council debate on rent increases ended yesterday on a happy note of sweet compromise. Government, without sacrificing the principles embodied in the McNeill Report, accepted amendments suggested by the Unofficials with the net result that there will be only one hike of 25 per cent in standard rents for domestic premises (and that not to become operative for another eight months), and two increases of 25 per cent each on business premises, the first in September and the second next March. These proposals differ considerably from those advanced by the McNeill Committee and they are very real concessions to popular opinion. No one can seriously argue that they impose exceptional hardship on tenants, but they do go some way towards correcting an anomalous situation. The acting Colonial Secretary wound up the debate in an effective manner, being particularly helpful in correcting misapprehensions concerning the exploitation and victimisation of sub-tenants by principal tenants. Quite apart from the amendments which provide for rental increases, the revisions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance which have now received the approval of the Legislative Council go a long way toward making the Ordinance fool-proof. The legal position of both landlords and tenants becomes much more clearly defined, with their respective rights and privileges made apparent. Supremely important too, is the complementary provision of a Tenancy Inquiry Bureau to be established under the aegis of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs. For tenants who are unsure of their position and who need advice this bureau should prove of inestimable value, but, as the Hon B. C. K. Hawkins emphasised yesterday, the new department can only be a success if the public are willing to co-operate with Government and avail themselves of the facilities which are being offered to them to seek the protection of the law. If the public allow themselves to be exploited in the future, it will be largely their own fault.

Evening Concerts

FATHER Ryan will find ready support from a large section of the community for his suggestion that evening band and orchestral concerts be held in some of the Colony's public spaces. The Sunday afternoon concerts, as he rightly points out, have been a great success despite original predictions that the public would show no interest in such an enterprise. Nevertheless, in our summer heat, the afternoon is not the ideal time for open air concerts; the evenings are much more conducive to full enjoyment, both for the performers and the audience. The Botanical Gardens offer an ideal setting for such concerts, for there people may stroll around on the lawns if they so desire without distracting attention from the music. Government could also make these functions all the more attractive by adopting an illuminations scheme so widely used in British holiday resorts and decorating the gardens with multi-coloured fairy lights. Evening band concerts are certain to be a success and Father Ryan's suggestion is worthy of very serious consideration.

East German Minister Of Justice Dismissed

Lift The Restrictions Demand By Egypt

Cairo, July 15. Egypt has demanded the lifting of all military restrictions imposed by British forces in Ismailia after the disappearance of a British airman, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Dr Mahmoud Fawzy, said tonight.

Dr Fawzy said: "We have told the British that such measures are unjustified and wrongly taken."

Dr Fawzy refused to tell reporters whether a formal note had been presented or whether the request had been made verbally.

Extra Water Supply Ends

An official of the Water Authority of the Public Works Department stated today that it has been found necessary to discontinue the extra five hours' water supply which has been given at recent weekends between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The reason for this is that although the rainfall recorded at the Royal Observatory has been above normal, in certain waterworks catchment areas it has been well below normal and some of the reservoirs are very low indeed for the time of the year. This applies particularly to the Tylam group of reservoirs.

The public is informed, therefore, that until further notice the hours of supply will be eleven hours per day only in all districts, i.e. from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Kenyatta Verdict: Crown To Appeal

Kisumu, Kenya, July 16. Kenya Supreme Court yesterday quashed the conviction and seven-year sentence on Jomo Kenyatta and five other Africans as Mau Mau organisers—but the Crown is to appeal against the decision.

WAR FRONT SITUATION "SERIOUS"

Seoul, July 16. Thousands of Chinese launched three new attacks on the Central Front late yesterday and punched holes in the South Korean front in at least two places, dispatches from the battle line said today.

Red troops were reported pushing southward on a 20-mile front.

It was Major Ralph Cowan of Elmira, New York, who described the front situation as "very serious." The exact extent of the penetrations were blocked out by light security precautions. But it was known the Chinese broke through at several points yesterday and the Chinese here passed a dispatch late yesterday which said the Allied line was sagging under pressure from an estimated six Chinese divisions.—United Press.

FIRE DESTROYS PART OF CITY

Paris, July 15. The Indonesian radio heard here, reported today that a raging fire had destroyed an entire section of Djakarta.

Some 300 houses were destroyed, the radio said.—France-Press.

Senate Ratifies Treaties

Washington, July 15. The Senate today ratified three North Atlantic Treaty Organisation treaties to regulate the status of forces stationed on the territories of the North Atlantic partners.

One of them permits the trial in foreign courts of United States servicemen accused of offences committed off duty.

The vote was 72 to 15, far more than the two-thirds majority required for treaty ratification.

CHARGED WITH ACTS HOSTILE TO THE STATE

Berlin, July 16. Otto Grotewohl, the East German Premier, has dismissed Max Fechner, Minister of Justice from his post on account of activity hostile to the state.

The official East German News Agency, ADN, announcing this said that Frau Hilde Benjamin, till now the vice-President of the East German Supreme Court had been appointed to his post.

Fechner, a member of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity (Communist) Party in the Soviet zone, was appointed Minister of Justice in November 1949.

The agency said Fechner had been dismissed by Otto Grotewohl but gave no details.

A West Berlin anti-Communist organisation, the Free Jurists, had earlier reported the arrest of Fechner's son and daughter-in-law.

Western observers here believed the Justice Minister was almost certain to have been arrested as well because of the seriousness of the charge against him.

Fechner, who will be 61 this month, is the first Communist Government Minister dismissed outside Russia since the purging of Lavrenty Beria, the Soviet Minister of Interior, on similar grounds last week.

Fechner, the son of a nation, joined the Socialist Party at the age of 16. In 1933 he was arrested for anti-Nazi activities and put in a concentration camp. After the war he occupied a prominent position in the Socialist Unity Party formed in 1946 from the fusion of the Socialists with the Communist Party in the Soviet occupied zone of Germany.—Reuter.

SOVIET PURGE
London, July 15. Soviet purge was switched today to Georgia, Stalin's birthplace, where the local Minister for Internal Affairs was thrown out of the Party leadership and others were named as lieutenants of Lavrenty Beria.

The Minister Vladimir Dekanov, was a close friend of Beria, who was dismissed as Soviet Interior Minister only five days ago for being "an imperialist hireling."

Dekanov was once a powerful figure in shipping, Russia's foreign policy. As Deputy Foreign Minister he once stood in for Mr Molotov, now number two to Prime Minister Georgi Malenkov.

He and several others were linked today with an alleged plot by Beria to split Georgia, formerly independent, from the Russian people.

The Georgian purge was announced at the end of a long session of the Georgian Communist Party's Central Committee and the Tiflis City Party Committee.

A union member of the Central Committee set up only three months ago after Georgia's first purge under the Malenkov regime, has also been unseated.

He was named as Mamulov, but no further identification was given.

Probing Cause Of Riots

Paris, July 15. French detectives today held bedside interrogations in six Paris hospitals to probe the cause of yesterday's Bastille Day riot in the Place de la Nation, in which seven demonstrators were killed and more than 100 people wounded.

The clash between armed police and about 2,000 North Africans, taking part in the annual march has perturbed public opinion here because of the apparent absence of motive.

The Ministry of the Interior has opened an inquiry into the affair and Gaullist and Communist deputies are expected to call for a full-scale parliamentary debate in the National Assembly.

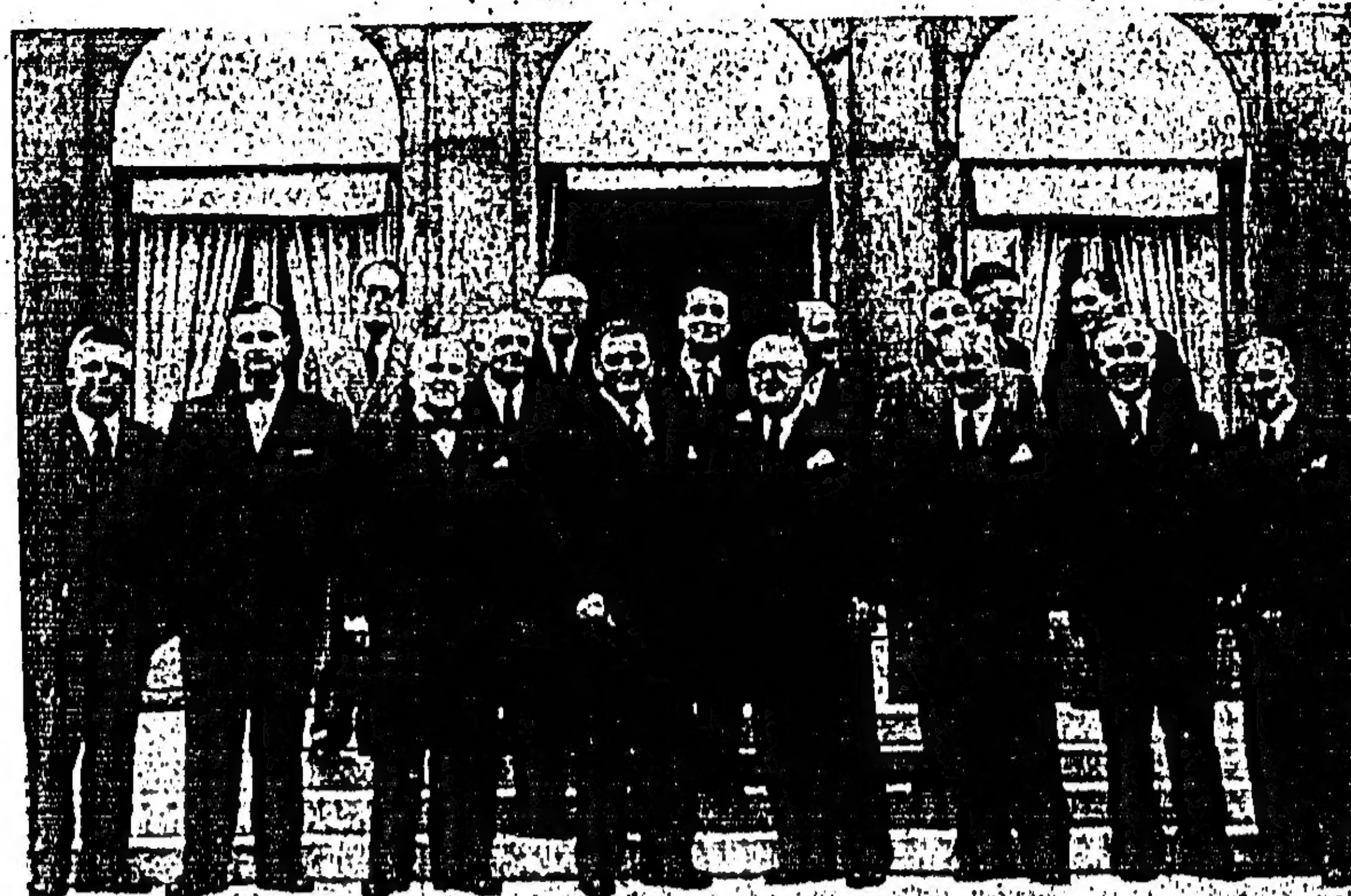
The final casualty list gave seven dead, six of them North Africans, from rifle fire. 49 demonstrators—44 of them North Africans—in hospital and 19 policemen seriously wounded.—Reuter.

UN Troops Counter-Attack

Tokyo, July 16. The Eighth Army hurled at least 45,000 United Nations troops into a powerful dawn counter-attack today against the Chinese armies in the Central Front bulge.

Three United Nations divisions threw the counter-punch at the first light of day and were still driving forward at last reports.

THE NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT



The new French Premier presents the State Secretaries of the new French Government to President Auriol. The group reads first row left to right: M. Jacquet; M. Jolly; M. Christiaens; Prime Minister Laniel; President Auriol; M. Devinat; M. Bolde and M. Olmi. Second row from left to right: M. Maurice Schumann; M. Ramarony; M. Schleiter; M. Bugues; M. Thibault; M. de Chevigne; M. Lafay and M. Ulver. — London Express.

Text Of Big 3 Invitation To Four Power Talks

London, July 16. Britain, France and the United States yesterday invited Russia to a meeting of foreign ministers in late September and said four-power agreement on Germany and Austria would be "a major contribution to peace."

The decision to propose the conference was announced by the Big Three foreign ministers on Tuesday night at the end of their four-day meeting in Washington.

Identical notes handed to Russia's representatives in London, Paris and Washington proposed that the meeting should be held at a place to be mutually agreed upon.

Without specifically ruling out other topics, the western powers said the agenda should be the conditions for the election of an all-German government and final agreement on the treaty restoring Austrian independence.

The text of the identical western notes to Russia was: "The development of the international situation and the recent events in Eastern Germany and in Berlin have intensified the universal desire to see peace more firmly established to ease existing tensions in a way consistent with the fundamental rights to freedom."

While recognising the fact that enduring peace can only be ultimately assured when certain basic problems, such as controlled disarmament, can be dealt with, the governments desire to dispose now of those problems which are capable of early solution.

LONG OVERDUE
The conclusion of the German and Austrian treaties, which are long overdue, clearly constitutes an essential element of the European settlement which the governments regard as a major contribution to peace.

"A German peace treaty can only be negotiated with the participation of a free and representative government in a position freely to discuss such a treaty. Such a government can only result from free elections."

Mail Lost In Ships' Collision

Washington, July 15. The Army said today that a large quantity of mail and packages for military men in Korea was lost yesterday when the freighter Jacob Luckenbach sank after a collision with the freighter Hawaiian Pilot 11 miles off San Francisco.

The Army said the Luckenbach carried 61 pouches of first-class mail, 4,077 sacks of parcels and 430 overseas parcels, all of which were lost.—United Press.

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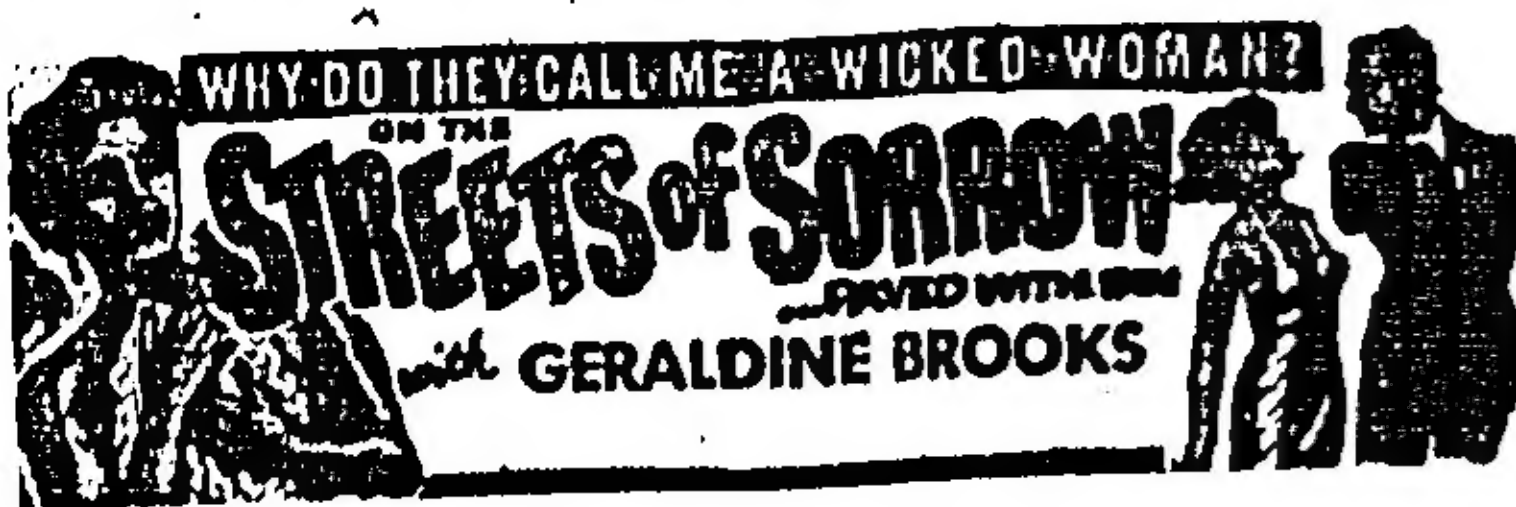
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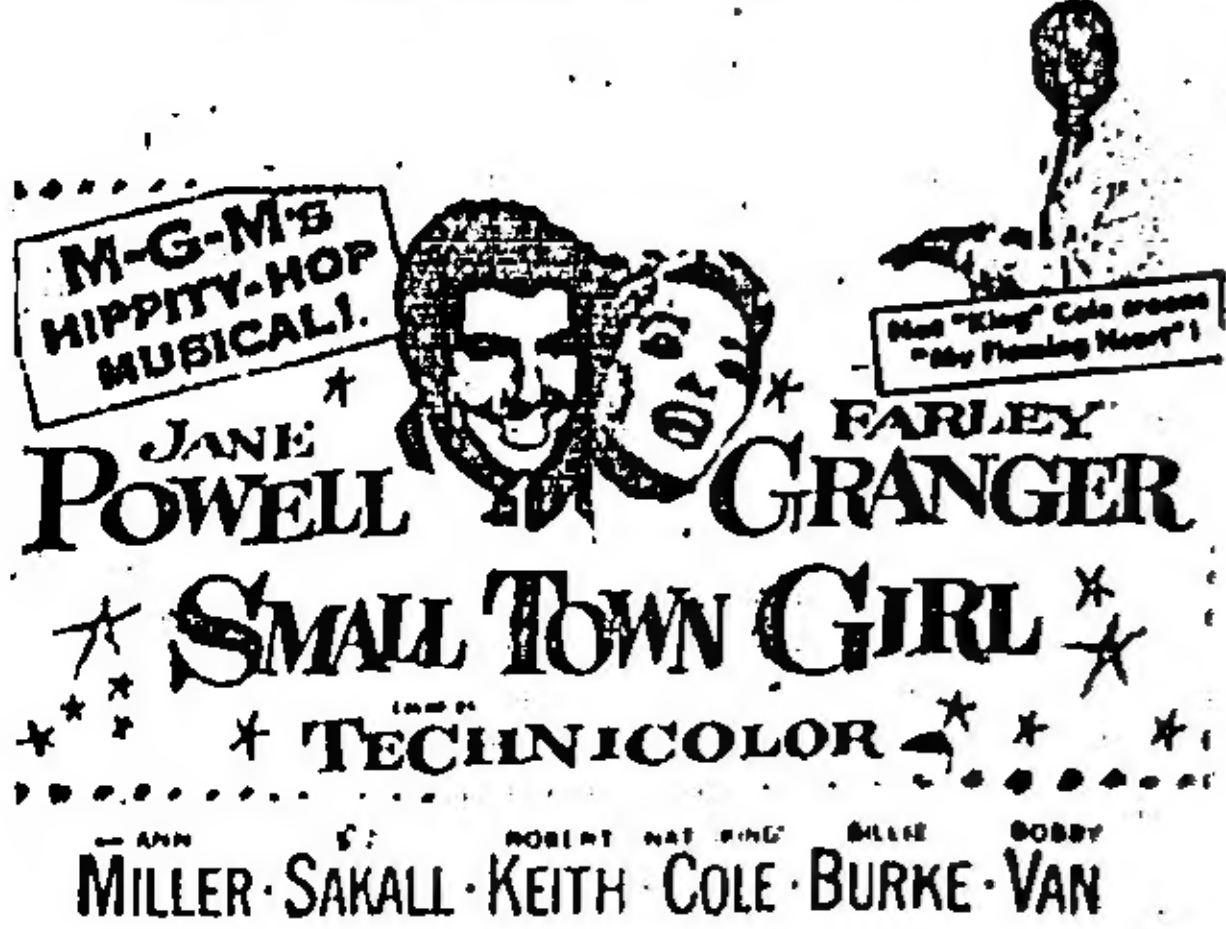
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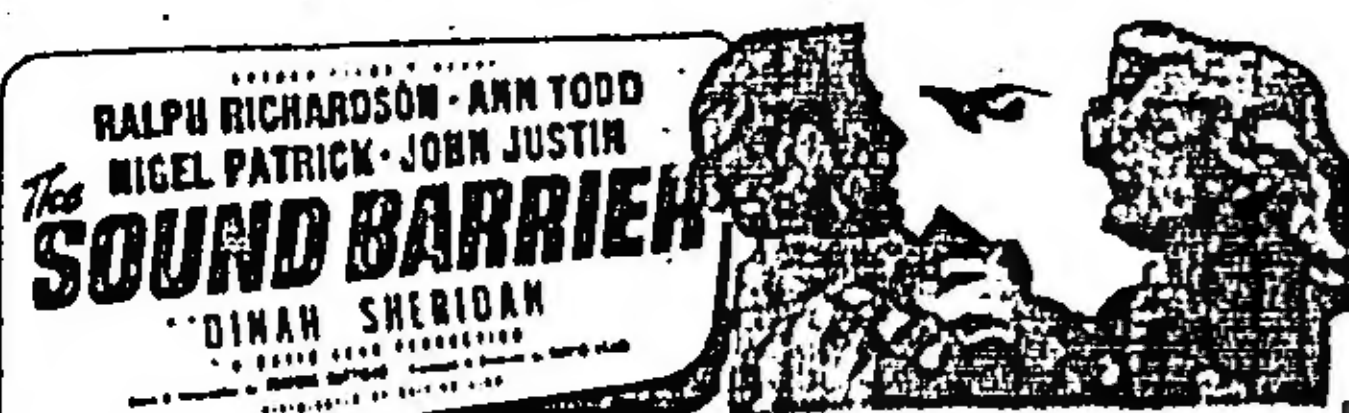


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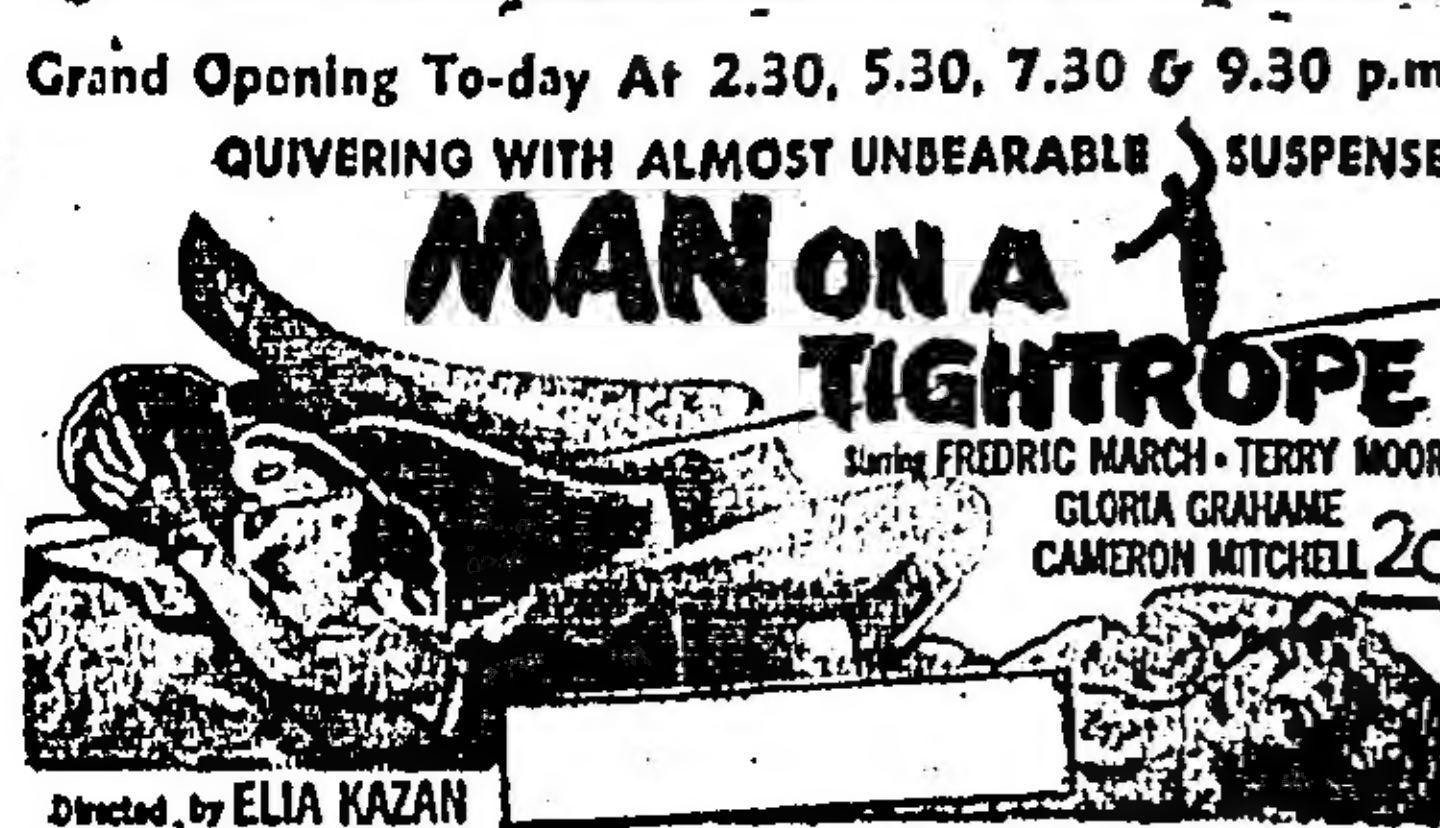
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Bullfighter In Trouble



Bullfighter Bartolome Jimenez Torres is tossed in the air and badly gored in the Madrid bull ring, before attendants can rescue him. At least 10 bullfighters are at the moment recovering from wounds, some serious, received in the same ring during the last three weeks. —Express Photo.

Date Set For Eden's Return To Britain

New York, July 15. British officials announced today that the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, had continued to make very satisfactory progress and the period set for his convalescence in the United States will be completed next week-end. Arrangements have been made for Mr. and Mrs. Eden to return to Britain on Sunday, July 26. Mr. Eden has been convalescing in Newport, Rhode Island, at the estate of Mr. John Barry, retired American newspaper publisher. —Reuter.

REWARDS PAY OFF IN RESULTS

Singapore, July 15. The Federal Legislative Council was told today that the policy of the customs in paying big rewards for "hot tips" on smuggling activities is paying off. The recent record seizures of opium and other contraband indicate that the pay-for-information policy is paying dividends. The Council was told that it has been proved that to obtain tips about large-scale organized smuggling, attractive rewards must be doled out.

It was emphasised to the Council that unless the current policy was maintained, valuable information contacts established in the past couple of months would no longer be productive and large revenue evasion would result.

The Council was requested to approve the equivalent of US\$33,000 for continuing the rewards to informers. It would supplement an earlier appropriation equal to about US\$50,000. —United Press.

AN ASSURANCE

Taipei, July 15. Governor O. K. Yui has assured sugar-cane growers that the Government will not go against its promise of paying them the parity price between rice and cane, nor will the Government resort to higher taxes or the printing press to pay its debts.

The Government had decided to float public bonds which will be redeemable in two years at five-per-cent interest. —France-Press.

RUSSIAN SURPRISE MOVE

Offers Financial Aid To Backward Nations

Geneva, July 16.

The Soviet Union yesterday offered financial aid for the first time under the United Nations technical assistance programme for under-developed countries.

The Soviet delegate, M. Amasasp Arutunian, pledged Roubles 4,000,000 (about £350,000) in aid this year at a meeting of the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

Previously Soviet delegates had never voted against the technical assistance programme but had always boycotted it, abstaining whenever a vote was called.

The Soviet delegate's announcement was a great surprise to other delegates and United Nations officials.

Mr. David Owen, executive chairman of the Technical Assistance Board, said that up to Tuesday there had been no indication whatsoever that the Soviet Union had any intention of departing from its usual practice of ignoring the programme.

The programme is budgeted for out of contributions from United Nations members and consists of sending out teams of experts to under-developed countries to advise Governments on the most efficient means of developing natural resources.

It also pays for fellowships for individuals from under-developed countries to enable them to acquire skill and experience which will help them to play a greater part in the development of their countries.

NO CONDITIONS

Speaking in the debate on economic development M. Arutunian said the Soviet Union had always supported the United Nations technical assistance programme for under-developed countries.

"But we consider that this programme must be organised in such a way as to promote the expansion of the domestic resources of these countries and thus strengthen their economic independence."

"There must be no conditions in favour of any country granting aid," he declared.

"In these circumstances the Soviet Union is ready to participate in the field of technical assistance by the United Nations to under-developed countries and pledges Roubles 4,000,000 (about £350,000) for the 1953 programme," he went on.

M. Arutunian said the Soviet Union was guided by its desire to contribute to economic co-operation between all countries of the world.

MADE FOR PROFITS

On a draft resolution from the United States urging the creation of an International Fund for development and reconstruction, financed by savings from internationally-supervised world disarmament, the Soviet delegate asked: "Why this talk about an International Fund?"

"The investment of foreign capital in under-developed countries only leads to interference with their sovereignty. These investments are not for humanitarian purposes as you, Mr. United States representative (Mr. John Baker), know better than anybody else. They are made for maximum profits."

M. Arutunian said an example was America's refusal to give any financial aid to Persia until the Anglo-Iranian oil problem had been solved. He said the United States had also refused to buy any Persian oil.

Indo-Pakistani

Discussions Progressing

Karachi, July 15.

The Joint Indo-Pakistani Steering Committee, which is preparing the conference between the Premiers of the two countries, met for a second time today.

In a four-hour session, it reviewed all the remaining items on the list of problems in dispute except those involving political matters such as minorities, compensation to refugees and Kashmir.

A Pakistani spokesman said that the meeting was most cordial and that no deadlocks arose.

The committee is meeting for the third and last time on Thursday to discuss political questions. —France-Press.

Problem At Talks: Sugar Restriction Or Expansion?

London, July 15.

Delegates to the International Sugar Conference, now in session here, are faced with a dilemma in considering which of two possible policies to follow—restriction or expansion.

The conference was called by the Secretary-General of the United Nations at the request of the International Sugar Council last November.

It was realised that, unless stability was brought to the world sugar trade by some kind of international agreement, producers might be faced with the same ruinous conditions which the collapse of prices brought in the earlier 1930's.

The second World War resulted in an enormous increase in production of sugar in those countries unaffected by the fighting, particularly in the western hemisphere. Since the war, currency restrictions and trade imbalances have encouraged many importing countries to grow their own sugar in an attempt to self-sufficiency. Those sugar-producing countries badly devastated by the war, particularly Formosa and Indonesia, are rapidly regaining their pre-war production figures. As a result huge surpluses are beginning to pile up.

The object of the present conference is to adopt and put into force a new International Sugar Agreement that will ensure, as far as possible, that the world sugar supply will be in line with the ability of sugar-producing nations to supply the world with all the sugar it wants. At present, the trend is towards restriction of the crop. Cuba, which produces one-fifth of the world's sugar, had a bumper crop last year which turned into a near-disaster, since it gave Cuba considerably more sugar than it could immediately sell. To prevent a repetition, the island adopted self-imposed restrictions on production, which will cut this season's harvest drastically and bring it more into line with demand.

But many of the world's leading sugar producers consider that this can be no more than a stop-gap measure. It is not economically sound, they believe, to hold back production deliberately. It would be far better, they say, to try to expand the world demand for sugar so that the producers could "once again be given a free rein."

"EAT MORE"

If this view receives sufficient support, the London conference may ask the International Sugar Council to begin work on a world-wide "Eat More Sugar" campaign, particularly in the many countries where sugar is regarded almost as a luxury and consumption is low.

If it happens, this would change the whole character of the Council. It has existed until now solely to administer the working of the International Sugar Agreement, which regulates the world sugar trade. It has never functioned as a promotional agency trying to stimulate increased consumption of sugar.

In Britain there has been some concern expressed on the possible dangers of an international agreement to the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement. This has been met by Article 16 of the draft agreement which stipulates with reserves that the markets of the Commonwealth should not be considered under the agreement as part of the free market.

The conference is expected to last between three and four weeks. Sugar circles here say that both producers and consumers are agreed upon the necessity of some sort of agreement and they express optimism over the outcome. —United Press.

A Categorical Rejection

London, July 15.

Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, the Colonial Secretary, was questioned in the House of Commons today about a statement attributed to Mr. Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, that it was "a scandalous thing that the African people are being treated almost as wild animals."

Mr. Beresford Craddock, Conservative, asked the Minister to state publicly that such conditions "do not obtain in the territories of Africa under British rule."

Mr. Lyttelton replied: "We categorically reject those misleading and ill-informed statements about the British territories in Africa." —Reuter.

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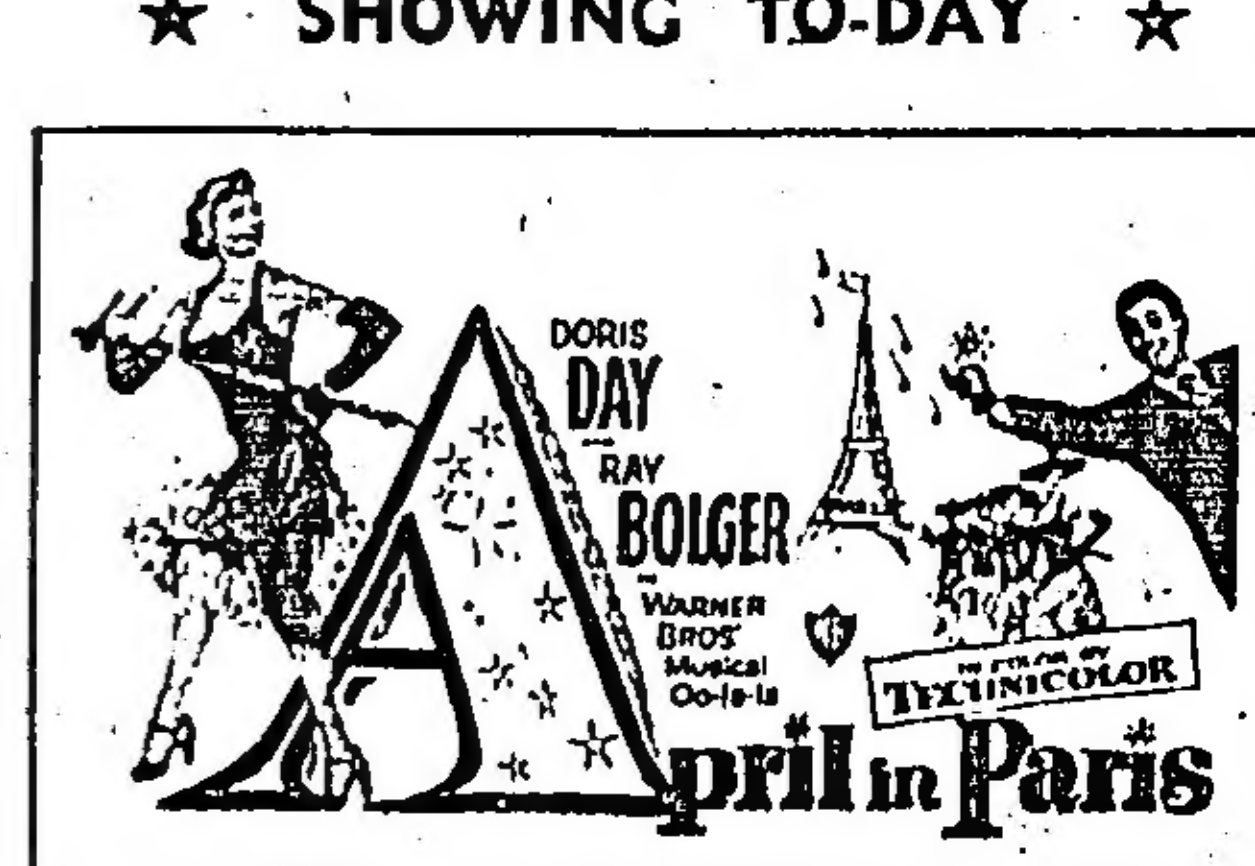
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Armistice In Korea Up To The Reds

Washington, July 15.

Mr Walter Robertson, President Eisenhower's personal "save the truce envoy," said today after a conference with Mr Eisenhower that an armistice in Korea was now squarely up to the Communists.

Mr Robertson made the statement immediately after giving Mr Eisenhower a personal report on his mission to win the support of the South Korean President, Dr Syngman Rhee, for a truce.

Mr Robertson said Dr Rhee "has not changed his objections to an armistice but has agreed to collaborate with us in an effort to achieve unification of Korea by peaceful means."

Mr Foster Dulles, U.S. Secretary of State, who was also present at the conference, declined to answer directly a question whether Dr Rhee had promised not to continue to fight alone if an armistice was negotiated.

Mr Dulles said the President's envoy had done a splendid job for us to have an armistice. Later, in reply to a question he qualified this by saying the mission had made it possible to have an armistice provided the Communists were willing.

"support the restoration of peace and security" in Korea if the Communists broke a truce.

The Communists declined to follow the American and French views that the phrase committed Britain, France and America to resume fighting following any Communist violation of an armistice.

An American spokesman gave this interpretation after the three Foreign Ministers issued their statement at the end of four days' talk in Washington.

The Foreign Office today contented itself by saying: "We are not prepared to elaborate the statement, but draw attention to Sir Winston Churchill's speech to the United States Congress last year."

The Prime Minister then said: "If the truce we seek is only to be broken our response will be prompt, resolute, and effective."

Explaining this statement to Parliament on his return from America, Sir Winston Churchill said no definite or formal commitments had been entered into.

ESSENTIAL POINT

The view in diplomatic quarters now is that the communiqué was deliberately vague on this point because the three governments could not agree to commit their countries to a hypothetical situation. They would require to consult each other following a violation on what their next moves would be.

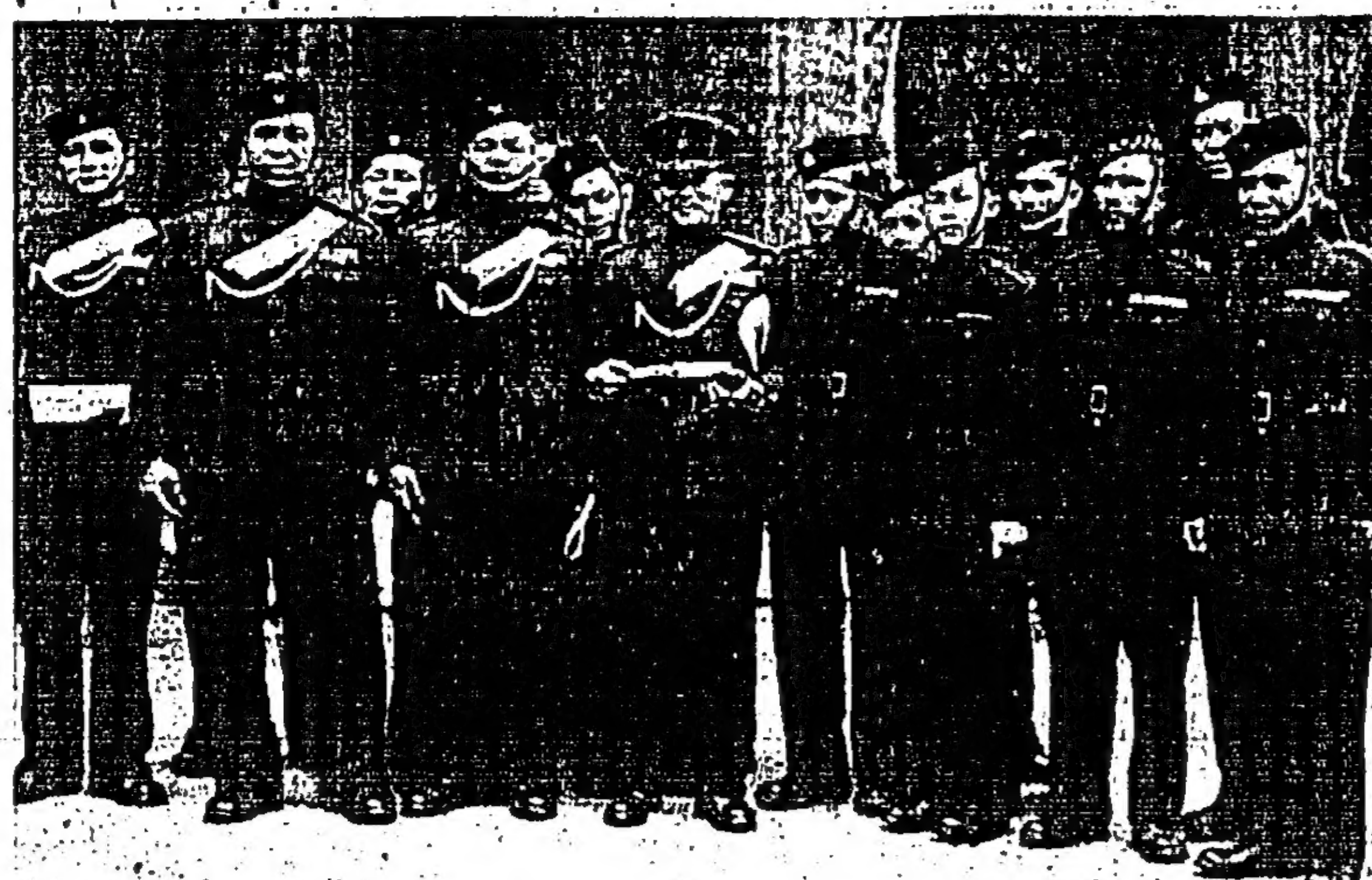
The essential point, it is considered here, is the timing of any breach of the truce.

If a violation occurred shortly after the truce was signed and could be pinned beyond doubt on the Communist side, the Allies would clearly have to take up arms again.

But if the armistice continued into a period of years because of the failure of a political conference to agree on reunification of the peninsula—then a different situation might arise if it were violated. For one thing, the United Nations forces might well have been withdrawn, in bulk at least.

In either case, these United Nations countries with forces in Korea would demand unequivocal evidence of Communist blame before agreeing to resume fighting.—Reuter.

Gurkha Troops Decorated By Queen



Gurkha officers and other ranks recently attended an investiture at Buckingham Palace when Her Majesty the Queen presented decorations they had won. Here some of the recipients pose after the investiture. In centre, holding the D.S.O. and O.B.E., is Major Purne Rai.—Express Photo.

Bidault Hopeful On British Role In Europe

Washington, July 15.

M. Georges Bidault, the French Foreign Minister, said today he thought Britain and France would agree soon on the extent of Britain's association with the six-nation European Defence Community.

He told a press conference at the French Embassy that the extent of Britain's association with the Community was one of the problems to be resolved before France would ratify the European Army treaty.

M. Bidault met the American and foreign press on the eve of his departure for France after the five-day Foreign Ministers' conference in Washington.

He did not think the French Parliament would ratify the treaty before the autumn though he emphasised that this action would have to go with the timing of the Western-Soviet Foreign Ministers' Conference suggested for late September.

M. Bidault confirmed that France agreed with the United States in the interpretation of the warning in the Big Three Foreign Ministers' communiqué yesterday that the war would be automatically resumed should the Communists renew their aggression in Korea after a truce.

He said: "It is clear that the text of the communiqué must be taken for what it means. 'It means that in case an armistice is broken, the situation which existed before an armistice would be recreated.'"

WOULD NOT AGREE

M. Bidault stated categorically that France would not agree to Soviet demands to abandon the European Defence Community in return for a united Germany.

The two questions were entirely separate, he said, and added that the communiqué yesterday made that point clear. He was asked if the proposal to hold a meeting with the Soviet Foreign Minister—on Germany and Austria satisfied French demands for four-power talks on means of ending world tension.

M. Bidault replied that the German and Austrian questions were most urgent and were of first priority. "The conference will be the first stage," he said.

"If these questions are settled there will be an opportunity to discuss other questions later."

He said Lord Salisbury, Britain's acting Foreign Secretary, and Mr John Foster Dulles, U.S. Secretary of State, shared this view. He said the Foreign Ministers this week did not discuss the possibility of their heads of Government getting together before the proposed Big Four meeting of Foreign Ministers. Such a top level meeting of Western powers would depend on results of talks between the Western and Soviet Foreign Ministers in the autumn, he added.—Reuter.

Queen At Ball

The Queen, in a gown of filmy tulle patterned on one side with red and white roses from waist to hem, was accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh at a Coronation Ball organised jointly by the Royal Empire Society, the Victoria League and the Overseas League.

The floodlit grounds of the Hurlingham Club were the venue for the occasion with a huge marquee revelling as ballroom. Among 2,000 guests were many Commonwealth and Colonial visitors, some of whom were presented to the Queen during the evening.

New U.S. Ambassador To Portugal

Lisbon, July 15. It was announced today that Colonel Robert Guggenheim, newly appointed United States Ambassador to Portugal, is due to arrive from New York by ship on July 20.

Mr Guggenheim, a former mining executive, succeeds Mr Cavendish, formerly as United States Ambassador here.—United Press.

Rangoon Talks Not Deadlocked, Committee Says

Bangkok, July 15.

The four-nation committee on the evacuation of Chinese Nationalist troops from Burma today denied a report that its meetings were deadlocked over an alleged Chinese demand.

The report, stated to have been sent from Formosa yesterday, said the meeting was deadlocked because Lieutenant-General Li Wen-hsin had presented a new demand that all Chinese detained by the Burmese Government should first be freed.

The committee stated today it had not received any such demand from General Li, who represents Chinese Nationalist troops in Burma on the committee.—Reuter.

Flying The Royal Standard

In a Police Review weekly commentary, "The Constable And The Law," answer is given to a correspondent who mentioned two Coronation-period incidents involving the taking down of Royal Standards which were being flown from houses and asked what offence, if any, was there in flying this flag?

This answer is given: "So far as we know, none. Nor is there any power in the police to remove it."

"The Royal Standard is the Sovereign's personal flag, and should only be flown where the Sovereign is actually in residence. In so far as these matters are matters of bad taste, a disregard of this convention is bad taste, worse at Coronation times than others owing to the state of public feeling."

"But the police have no more power, specifically, to correct it than they have to stop someone who has just walked out of a room with his back to the Queen, and sent him back to do it properly. What they have got power to do, of course, is to preserve the peace."

In one case referred to by the correspondent, sight of the Standard evoked a cry of horror from the residents, and the householder took it down at the request of the police. In the other case—in London—an inspector and a sergeant climbed to a window to remove the Standard.

'War' Going On In Commons Over Salaries Of MPs

London, July 14.

There is a small but vigorous "war" going on behind the scenes in Parliament about salaries for the Members.

Led by Nye Bevan's Socialistic purists, the Labour Party is rumbling for more money for MPs.

CRASH INQUIRY REPORT

London, July 15.

A five-year plan to equip Britain's main lines with an automatic warning system is to follow the Harrow train crash.

For automatic control, says the inquiry report, might have prevented the disaster.

In the report, Lieut-Colonel Wilson warning system, which has been devised after years of experiment.

In a recent test, the new system pulled up within a safe distance a train that overran its signals at 93 miles an hour.

When further tests have completely satisfied Colonel Wilson the Transport Commission are prepared to go ahead with a five-year installation programme at an estimated cost of £7,500,000, and earmark nearly £10,000,000 more for a long-term plan.

Under the complete programme 6,713 route miles, which would include practically all the main lines carrying heavy passenger traffic, would be equipped with warning control.

HOOTER IN CAB

The new control, Colonel Wilson explains, combines the best features of two different systems that were in use when the railways were nationalised.

It is an electronic device which sounds a loud note on a hooter in the engine cab when a signal is ignored. The train brakes automatically.

He considers there are no grounds for criticising the Railway Executive for taking so long on the preliminary development work, and adds:

"I have been furnished with full details of the troubles which were encountered and the successive steps taken to overcome them, and I would not be prepared to say that the experimental period could have been greatly shortened."

Colonel Wilson also makes this comment: "It does seem possible... that the wreckage might have been less compact, and the killed and injured fewer, if a greater proportion of the rolling stock had been of the latest all-steel type."

"The new British Railways standard all-steel coaches, of which the underframes alone are nearly twice as strong as many of the regional designs, go a long way in this direction."

Arms Spending Criticised

Philadelphia, July 15. The Indian Ambassador suggested in a speech here last night that the world would live in hope if nations spent to raise the living standards of their peoples a fraction of the sums they spend for war preparations.

Ambassador G. L. Mehta added that countries were spending a large part of their energies and resources in a gigantic competitive race to attain security through superior military power while the populations of many countries were suffering dire poverty and needed the co-operation of more fortunate lands to attain a measure of material comfort and security.—United Press.

Townsend Arrives In Brussels

To Assume Post Of Air Attache

Brussels, July 16.

Group Captain Peter Townsend, whose name has been romantically linked with that of Princess Margaret, arrived at the British Embassy yesterday from London to take up his post as Air Attache.

He came the day before Princess Margaret left Salisbury in Southern Rhodesia, for home after a fortnight's tour of the British African Colony.

Group Captain Townsend, 38, a former Battle of Britain fighter pilot, has served the Royal Family for nine years. Until he was posted to Brussels, he held the position of Royal Equerry.

He has also been acting as Comptroller of the Household of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

His appointment to the new post in Brussels was disclosed the day after Princess Margaret and the Queen Mother left for their Southern Rhodesia tour.

Group Captain Townsend, whose official title is Extra Equerry to the Queen, divorced his wife last year after a marriage lasting 11 years. He has two children, one of them a godson of the late King George VI, after whom he is named.

It was his divorce that first provoked the controversy in Britain about reports of a romance between the handsome airman and the 22-year-old Princess.

PRESS FUROR

Reports of a romance which had appeared in American and French newspapers prompted the British mass circulation Sunday newspaper The People to demand, on June 14, an official denial.

The paper said it was "unthinkable" that a Princess third in line of succession to the Throne, should "even contemplate marriage with a man who has been through the divorce courts."

That Captain Townsend was the innocent party in the divorce did not alter the fact that such a marriage would "fly in the face of Royal and Christian tradition," The People declared.

Other newspapers, and celebrities, commented in favour of and against a marriage between Group Captain Townsend and the Princess.

Group Captain Townsend was not noticed by follow-passengers and officials as he crossed the Channel to Boulogne yesterday and then drove from there to the Belgian border and Brussels.

He went to Buckingham Palace in 1944 with an outstanding war record.

He was one of a number of young officers chosen by King George VI as "equerries of honour."

The son of an army Colonel he was born in Rangoon, educated at Haileybury and commissioned in the Royal Air Force in 1935.

Recently Group Captain Townsend has been a frequent escort of Princess Margaret.

His former wife has married Mr John de Lanzo, cited as co-respondent in the divorce action.—Reuter.

DFC Ace To Test New U-Fighter

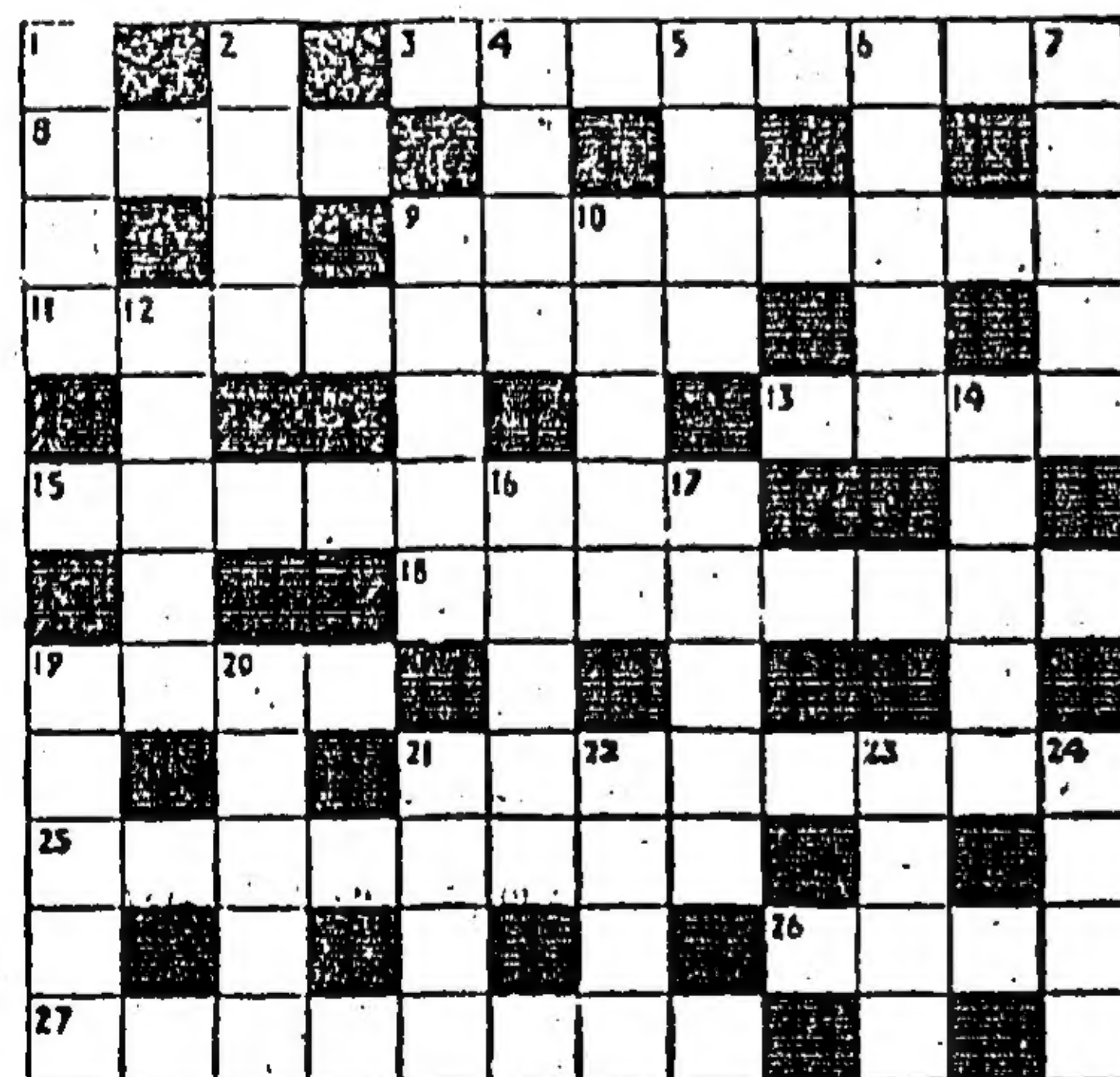
Ex-fighter pilot, Squadron-Leader E. A. Tennant, DFC, is the new chief test pilot of the Folland Aircraft concern.

He has just left the RAF after having been a test pilot at the Government experimental airfield at Boscombe Down, near Salisbury.

Folland are developing a light "utility" fighter, designed by Mr W. E. Pether, the man who designed the Canberra jet bomber. This plane, the "Gnat," is intended to be a cheaply and quickly produced fighter, costing about one-quarter the price of aeroplanes like the Hunter or the Swift.

The first flight is not expected for some months, but when it is made, Squadron Leader Tennant will be in the cockpit.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 3 Absolute (6).
 - 8 Pile (4).
 - 9 Stumbled (8).
 - 11 Muddled (8).
 - 13 Aid to steering (4).
 - 15 Whispers (8).
 - 18 Astonishment (8).
 - 19 Discover (4).
 - 21 Business chief (8).
 - 25 Treasured (8).
 - 26 Mute (4).
 - 27 Pupils (6).
- DOWN
- 1 Smart (4).
 - 2 Principal (4).
 - 4 Crowds (4).
 - 5 Praise (4).
 - 6 Yearn for (6).
 - 7 Unit of heat (6).
 - 9 Effects (6).
 - 10 Postpone (5).
 - 12 Monsters (6).
 - 14 Larlat (8).
 - 16 Damp (6).
 - 17 Rate (6).
 - 19 Ways out (5).
 - 20 Throw (5).
 - 21 Overcast (4).
 - 22 Ralso (4).
 - 23 Accurate (4).
 - 24 Gem (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Preels, 4 Gorge, 7 Immature, 9 Leave, 10 Recent, 11 Escorts, 13 Consure, 15 Random, 16 Treat, 19 Realised, 20 Theme, 21 Treble, Down: 1 Prior, 2 Chase, 3 Shutter, 4 Gaelic, 5 Repaired, 6 Expects, 10 Converse, 12 Servant, 13 Cattle, 14 Ultra, 16 Nolo, 17 Midge.

Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN... by Walter



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Take This Advice; It's Worth Knowing

NORTH 17	
♠ A Q J 7 4	
♥ 10 8 6 2	
♦ K J 8 2	
♣ 10 9 8 5 4	
EAST	
♠ K 10 9 5 2	
♥ 9 8 3 2	
♦ 7 3	
♣ 6 5 4	
SOUTH (D)	
♠ 8 3	
♥ 7	
♦ A K Q 10 9 4	
♣ A Q 10 9	
West-West vul.	
♠ South 1 ♥ North 1	East Pass
♦ South 2 ♥ North 3	East Pass
♣ South 5 ♥ North 5	East Pass
Opening lead—♥ K	

By OSWALD JACOBY

EXPERIENCED players are used to the idea of giving up the first trick in a long suit when the final contract is no-trump. The idea is to make sure that you can win the rest of the suit while you still have a way of leading to it.

When the hand is played at a trump contract this manoeuvre is very rare. The trump suit usually furnishes all the entries you need for your long suit. In today's hand, however, this unusual play is required.

West opened the king of hearts and continued with the queen. South ruffing with the nine of clubs. Declarer then drew three rounds of trumps ending in dummy. What next?

The thoughtless player might begin on the diamonds by cashing in the ace and then the king. This would lead only to grief. South would be able to make only his three top diamonds, and dummy would eventually have to lose two spade tricks.

The careful declarer would begin the diamonds by leading a low diamond from the dummy and finessing the nine from the South hand. West would take the jack of diamonds, to be sure, but dummy would still have a diamond to reach the South hand.

South would therefore be able to take the remaining five diamonds, on which he could discard four spades from the dummy. Hence this line of play would enable declarer to make his contract.

CARD Sense

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been: East: South West North 1 Spade 2 Dm. Pass 3 Dm. Pass 7

You, South, hold: Spades K-5, Hearts K-5, Diamonds A-Q-J-7-4-2, Clubs K-8-4. What do you do?

A—Bid three no-trump. You have a long diamond suit and a stopper in each of the other suits. You will almost surely make your game if your partner can provide the king of diamonds and any ace.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades A-J-5, Hearts 8-6, Diamonds A-Q-J-7-4-2, Clubs K-Q. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, JULY 16

BORN today, you have a positive personality, are strong-willed and at times, imperious. You seem to be born to command and are distinctly out of your element unless you are in charge of things. Your principles are very high and your ambitions vaulting. You can be impatient with those who have slower thought processes than you have.

You are not apt to have an easy life, for you are too definite a person not to make a few enemies. There will be good times and bad times as you learn to make the best of those periods when your sign is propitious. Life low and relax when things are going wrong. There is little that you can do until the signs change!

You have a love for conspiracy and if something is mysterious, you are not right in your element. You are not always as frank and outspoken as you should be and often keep things

strictly to yourself until the exact moment when you spring a new idea on everyone. This may give you the appearance of being two-faced. Actually, you are very sincere in what you believe. The only trouble is that you don't let everyone know what you actually do believe in all the time. Talent in the arts and also have the gift of the written word. As a propagandist, you can be very influential and would probably leave a definite mark on your time. Although your passions are strong, your sentimental nature is not. Admit a little more simple romance into your life and you will enjoy more real happiness.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, JULY 17

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Keep your nose to the grindstone today so that you will have a free conscience to enjoy yourself this weekend.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Home matters must not be neglected and if you are to get done what needs to be done, you must work hard.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Don't postpone important matters today, or you will regret it. Get things done on time.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Be careful in shopping today that you get first quality and the best value for money spent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Not all that glitters is gold. Examine a "bargain" carefully to be sure that it really is one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Postponing things won't solve a

problem but getting them done will. Do your job properly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—This is not the time for impulse. Think things over carefully before committing upon anything new.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Minding your own business and not trying to mind another person's will pay off today! Don't interfere.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—You may hear that even if it is piled to the sky! Get it done and enjoy the week-end better.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Friendship and romance, if you are ready, are both under excellent aspects today.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Day dreaming won't do a job that needs doing. Be practical and finished.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Avoid wasted moves today. Make every count for something that is important. There's not too much time!

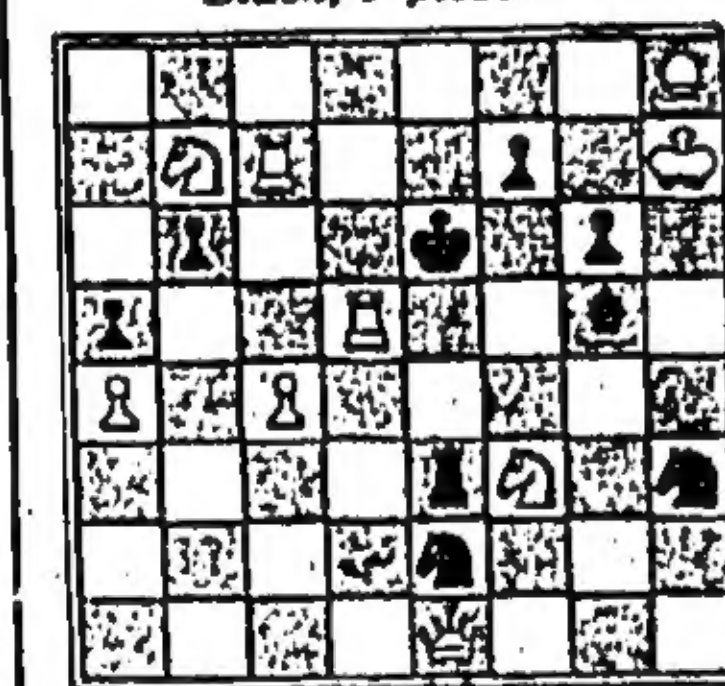
DUMB-BELLS

GIVE ME SOME OF THAT THING THAT COMES OUT OF THE PAST!



CHESS PROBLEM

By A. J. LEVETT Black, 9 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.

White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. R-R4; 1... B-B4; 2. P-K7; 1... B-K5; 2. RxB; 1... P-R4; 2. BXP.

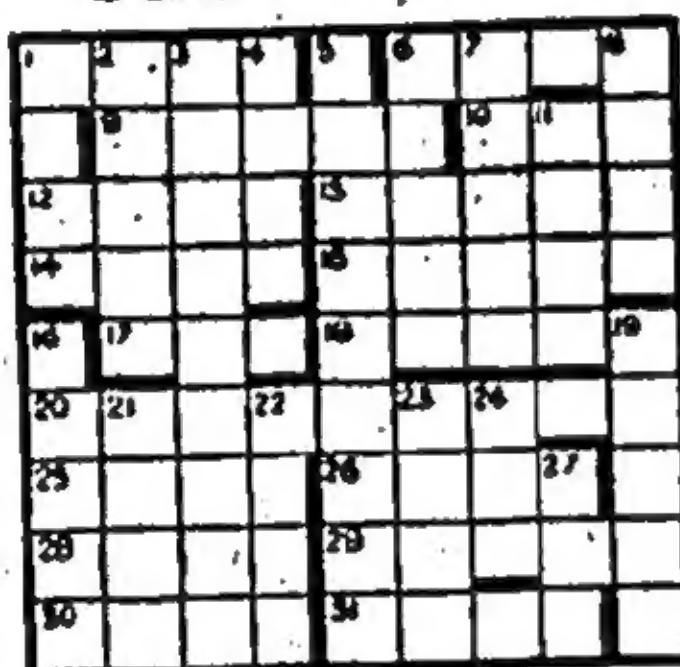
WHAT'S HIS LINE?

RENE PERRITT

Re-arrange the letters to spell his occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)

CROSSWORD



Across

- Such numbers are old copies. (4)
- Belas. (4)
- Is a course on 'A' for being commonplace? (5)
- Found in a perfect moo. (3)
- Learning a new role. (4)
- One hundred years a change. (5)
- He is described. (4)
- After seven. (5)
- Take your driver on this. (5)
- See him. (4)
- Photo art (knag). (9)
- He had a fear. (4)
- Wire, redidivored. (4)
- Laugh in inner needs. (4)
- Minister. (5)
- Gins after your handwriting? (4)
31. Denial section. (4)

Down

- Old and this is a regiment. (4)
- Round this on a background. (5)
- Is it a course on 'A' for being commonplace? (5)
- Found in a perfect moo. (3)
- Learning a new role. (4)
- One hundred years a change. (5)
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WOMANSENSE



Now, Women Don't Have To Grow Old

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

WHY do people grow old? Around this question has grown up a whole new field of medicine, known as geriatrics, the treatment of the aged.

The sex hormones, we have learned, play leading roles in the drama of aging. For some time now, doctors have been giving extra hormones to men and women passing through the change of life, especially those in whom this change has brought various ups and downs and complications. These hormones, produced by the sex glands, are chiefly responsible for the body developments associated with maturity.

Definite Changes Noted

It has also been found that a deficiency of male or female hormones, or both, plays an important role in aging, both of the sex organs and the body tissues in general.

In old age, definite changes are seen not only in the endocrine glands—those which give off hormones—but in practically all the organs and tissues. They show a lack of growth, a loss in the amount of water they contain, and an increased growth of fibrous tissue. Extra supplies of hormones often alter these changes.

The male hormone, known as testosterone, is particularly important in helping the body use proteins to build muscles and other tissues. Striking changes in the tissues may follow extra supplies of this hormone, resulting in improved vigor, muscular strength, and well-being. The effect is to modify

the aging process at its very beginning. Weak bones due to a loss of calcium is another frequent complication of aging. This is sometimes helped greatly with combinations of male and female hormones.

Hormones have also produced marked effects on the skin. Female hormones applied to the skin of elderly women can improve its elastic properties and help prevent an aged, saggy appearance of the skin. Male hormones will increase beard growth and prevent many skin diseases that occur in aged men.

As important as it is to improve the body condition in the aged, the hormones show their most striking benefits in improving the mental outlook and increasing the drive. Extra hormones have led to an increased optimism and a return of intellectual power. The person feels as if several years had been lifted from his age.

Treatment Starts Early

Usually, more can be done with this sort of treatment when a person is just beginning to age than when he is very old. It is usually considered that signs of aging begin shortly after forty, and it is believed that hormone treatment, when necessary, should start with the onset of this process.

Of course, treatment with these preparations should be carried out only under the doctor's direction and it is always well for men to have an examination of the prostate gland made prior to starting treatment to be sure that an existing condition will not be aggravated by the treatment.

THE DRESS THAT STOLE THE SHOW



RIX, on his round of the London Season, pauses

again before the sort of dress that makes a stir at the party. This time it is at a diplomatic reception—where the men have that extra look of distinction, and the women the added touch of elegance. Place is the Embassy of Iraq. And into the room steps Miss Huda Bakr. Her dress is of wild silk with blue stripes on a gold ground. On her left shoulder she wears an ornate jewelled clip.

Public Make-Up Manners

New York. Men may be too polite to scold their female companions for publicly applying makeup and tending to their grooming, but they're quite outspoken on the matter when cloaked in the anonymity of a poll.

Opinions from a representative group of males in all walks of life gathered for Charles Revson turned up complaints about loud-talkers, flirtatious demure, and others, but Revson, whose business is cosmetics, said the makeup beefs ran away with the honours.

A gentle dab of powder on nose and chin with a soft-coloured immaculate puff, can be a graceful gesture, according to Revson, but when a woman purposefully lays her open compact on the table and proceeds to do an all-over job from forehead to neckline, she goes beyond good taste.

Don't Use Napkins

A feminine habit that got general criticism was the flimsy misuse of napkins and guest towels to remove lipstick. Revson pointed out that even non-makeup lipstick is not completely immune to vigorous rubbings, unless instructions are followed carefully, and he suggested that women carry a package of small tissues with them as blotters when they retint their lips.

Here are some other hints from the president of Revson:

"There is no excuse for ever bringing rouge out of hiding in a public place.

"Never, never use a comb in public. A few disarranged strands are preferable to the unpleasant reaction to a woman running a comb through her hair.

"Another unpleasant habit that some women have acquired is to take an emery board out of a purse and smooth the ragged edge of a finger nail.

Girdle-Tugger

"One of the most offensive things a woman can do is to pick at her nail enamel in the presence of others. I have seen beautifully dressed women discover a chipped surface on their nails; they'd put down a fork

and nonchalantly start peeling the nail coat. It makes on-lookers cringe.

"Don't use your hostess' perfume, unless she suggests it."

One of the actors polled said: "I'd like to tell a lot of my women friends not to make their entrances and exits with a tug at their girdles."

"A woman should never ask a man to carry her evening bag," Revson concluded. "Every time she wants to use her compact or lipstick and asks him to take the carry-all out of his pocket, she makes him look like a lackey. Besides, his formal jackets are not tailored to hide the bulk of a woman's bag."

United Press.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Garden Plants Need Water

—So the Bugs and Insects Go Looking for Some—

By MAX TRELL

NOW, Christopher Cricket had gone down to the stone wall at the end of the vegetable garden. He had just seeded his garden, and he was looking at the bottom of the wall and was about to sing a song to the accompaniment of his guitar, when all at once he noticed a potato bug running up and down a tiny path.

First the potato bug peered under the tomato leaves on one side of the path, then under the cabbage leaves on the other side.

Not a Drop

"None here," Christopher heard him saying aloud. "Not a drop here."

"How do you know it needs water?" Christopher asked.

"I heard it say so. I heard it say it was thirsty. I heard it calling up from deep under the ground. Do you know where I can find some water?"

At that moment, a beetle came along the same path. It was also peering under the leaves.

"Not a drop of what, Potato Bug?"

"Potato Bug looked up to see who was talking to him, then greeted Christopher and came running over to him. 'Not a drop,' he said. 'The potato plant I'm living on needs water and I can't find any.'"

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"Should Go to Pond

"I think we ought to go down to the pond and bring some up," said the Potato Bug.

"Can't do it," said Beetle. "By this time a crowd of other bugs and insects, living in different parts of the garden, gathered around Cricket. 'It's a shame,' they all agreed. 'The garden needs water and none of us can do anything about it.'"

"Look," Beetle interrupted all at once, "here come the children from the house. I'll bet they're looking for water, too."



"I heard the plant say it was thirsty," the Potato Bug said.

"I'll bet they're not," said Christopher Cricket. "I'll bet they're bringing it with them in that long black pipe."

Rained From Hoes

Sure enough, Christopher Cricket was right. The children had the water cans rolling down from the hose. The water fell all over the garden.

All the bugs and insects cheered.

"Might be a good idea if we had one of those things," the Potato Bug said later, pointing to the hose. "Make your own rain while the sun shines. Pardon me a moment while I ask those children where they got it."

But Beetle and Christopher Cricket shook their heads. "Hoes don't work," they said. "The children will always use it. It's the right time just as you would yourself if you owned it."

Rupert and the Bad Dog - 25



After a slight pause Rupert scrambled down in the hollow and there, sure enough, was his missing ball. "Now I must get out of this," he thought. "And I don't want to climb up that slippery bank." But first he'd

Another new "Adventure"

RUPERT and the BOY PIRATE

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members the mysterious little notes that he has heard and he goes back inquisitively. The sound is still there. "It's coming from inside these notes," he whispers as he creeps forward gingerly. "When on earth can it be?"

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By DENNIS HART

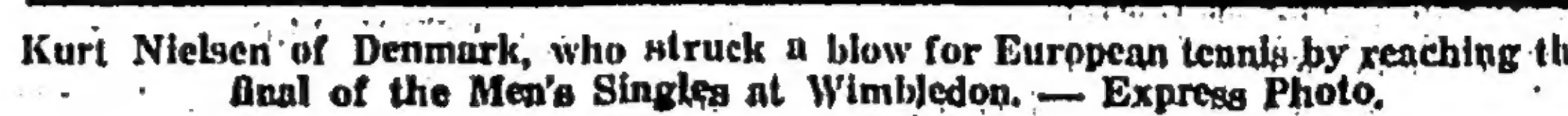
Huber thrilled the Wimbledon crowds not so much with results but with the manner in which he achieved them. For this red-haired bundle of energy was at Wimbledon for

By "All Rounder"

He does not think that they were so good at rugby in those days as now. "The lads were a bit upset," he says, "about the pay they received—it was then only six shillings."

1. Maj. Wheeler	1/R.U.R.	7	94.42
2. COMB			
3. Mortimer	1/Willis	8	94.57
4. Sgt. Matt	H.A.O.C.	8	94.12
5. Lt. Elger	1/Dorset	8	93.76
6. Sgt. Stafford	1/R.U.R.	7	93.71

Manama Stadium with a capacity of 20,000 and a new 100,000-seater stadium have had a lot of rain in Manchester.



London, July 15.
Wickets tumbled today at Lord's where the Gentlemen gained a lead of six runs over the Players in their annual cricket match.

AND NOW THE MEN MUSCLE IN

ere on our doorstep, with a private war among the soldiers, sailors and airmen of the United States.

At the Palladium the National Amateur Body-

... during the next six
... you see a bunch of
... wire-walkers doing a
... act over the rooftops
... the West End, his is up
... the entrance of a London
...
... not only, Worcestershire to bat
... Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS

... if they want to pay
... will be paid
... 1.00 per...

By DESMOND HACKETT

King George V. School Inter-House swimming sports, held at the European YMCA pool on

Melbourne, July 15.

The fifth and final Test which will be played at the Oval next

100 yds free style Senior Girls.—
V. Gilles; 2. S. Hewson; 3. E. Grant.
4. L. Ramsay.
50 yds free style Junior Boys.—
T. Belote; 2. F. Hunt; 3. S. Thorpe.
4. R. Little.

WE MUST LIVE A REALLY
BUNRAE BACKSLOVE PARTY
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"FAKHAI"	Bangkok 10 a.m. 23rd July
"YUENHAI"	Singapore, Penang & 8 a.m. 25th July
"YUENHAI"	Belawan 10 a.m. 25th July
"YUENHAI"	Shanghai 5 p.m. 26th July
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"YUENHAI"	Yokohama, Nagoya, 8 a.m. 27th July
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"YUENHAI"	Sibu 10 a.m. 30th July
"YUENHAI"	Tientsin 10 a.m. 30th July
"YUENHAI"	Singapore, Belawan, 10 a.m. 31st Aug.
"YUENHAI"	Penang & Palembang

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"YUENHAI"	Penang & Palembang 23rd July

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ARRIVALS FROM	
"TAYUAN"	Australia & Manila 12th Aug.
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Bonn Ships Food To East Germany

West Germany has considerably increased her food shipments to starving Soviet East Germany. And she has had to do it under the cloak of secrecy, because the East German Communist Government has attached a strict "No publicity" condition to acceptance of the aid.

So the shipments—nobody in Bonn dares give exact details—are declared deliveries "within the normal frame" of meagre inter-zonal trade.

West German leaders in Bonn say they have agreed to the East German "keep it dark" plea because the Russians—if embarrassed by such confirmation of famine threatening their zone—might deprive hungry East Germany of these shipments altogether.

Well before the June 17 rising in East Berlin and the Soviet zone, the West German Parliament had pledged to send all the necessary food to help tide the East Germans over till the next harvest.

"Since then we have been negotiating with the East German Government to get the food in," an official said. "But we must not, by agreement with the East Germans, reveal tonnage. It would show up the bankruptcy of a Communist government which 18,000,000 people can only be kept alive with food from the capitalist West."

Bonn Government spokesmen have been shocked by the United States offer of food relief to East Germany as a cold war propaganda move in order to embarrass the Russians.

"This could antagonise the Russians who may ban all aid," they said.

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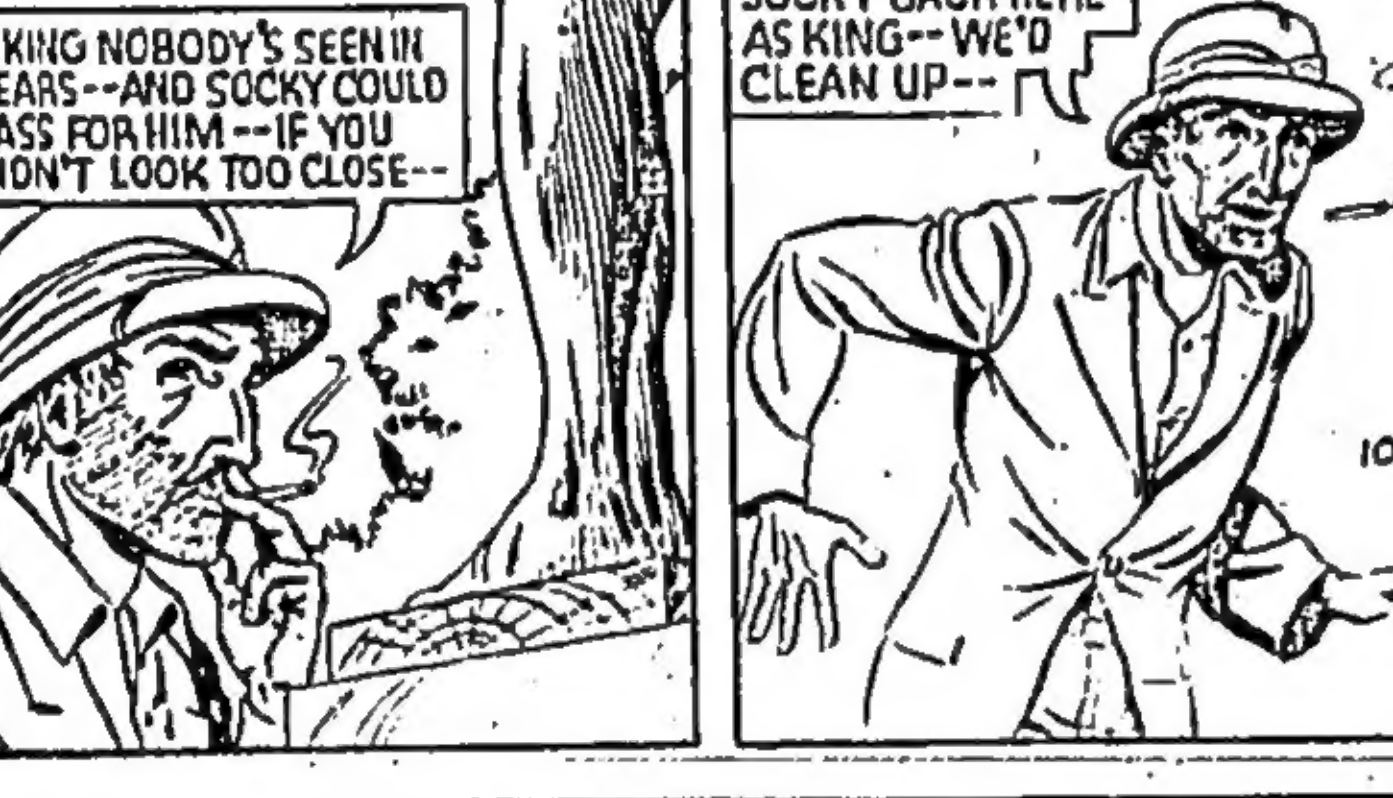
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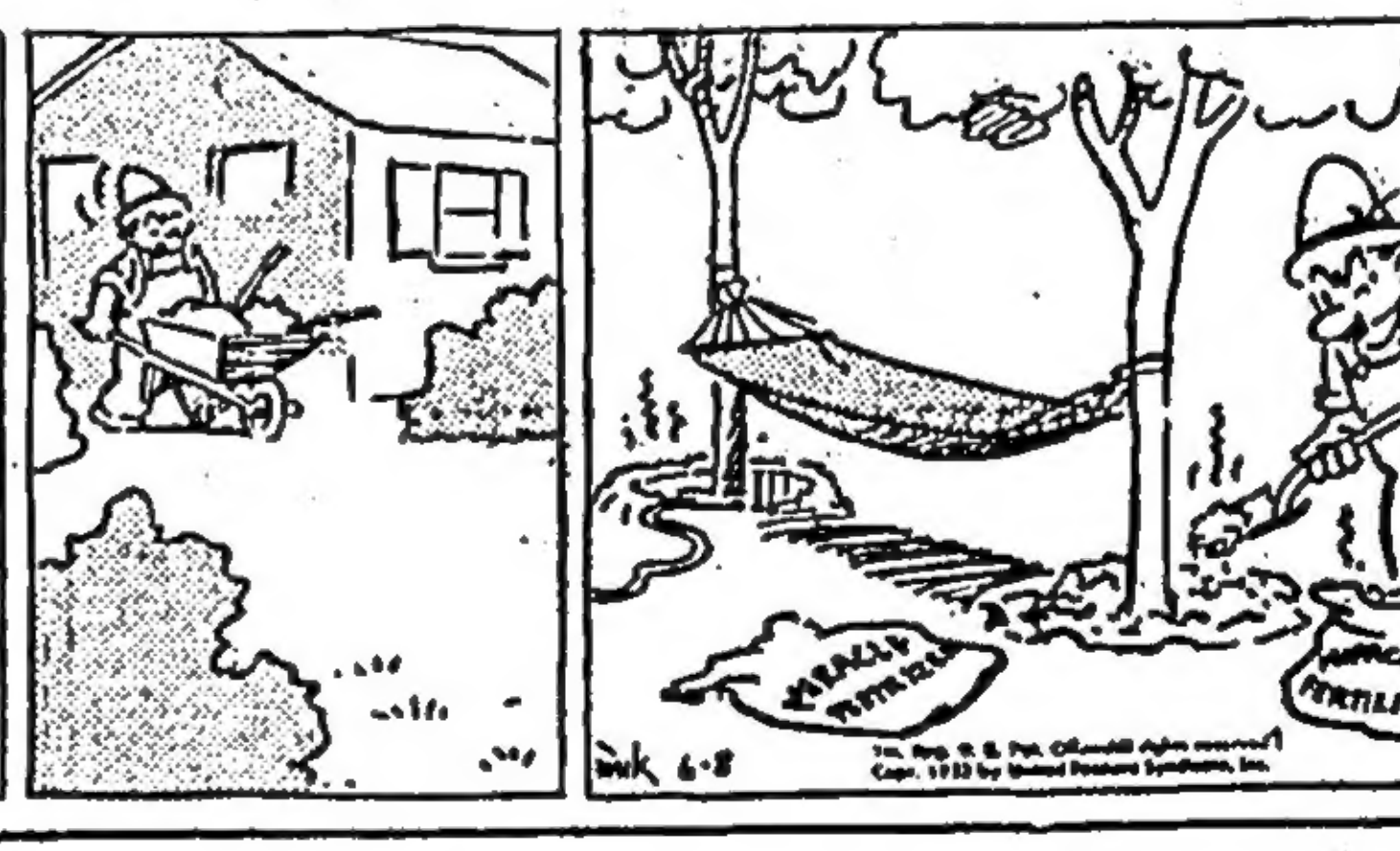


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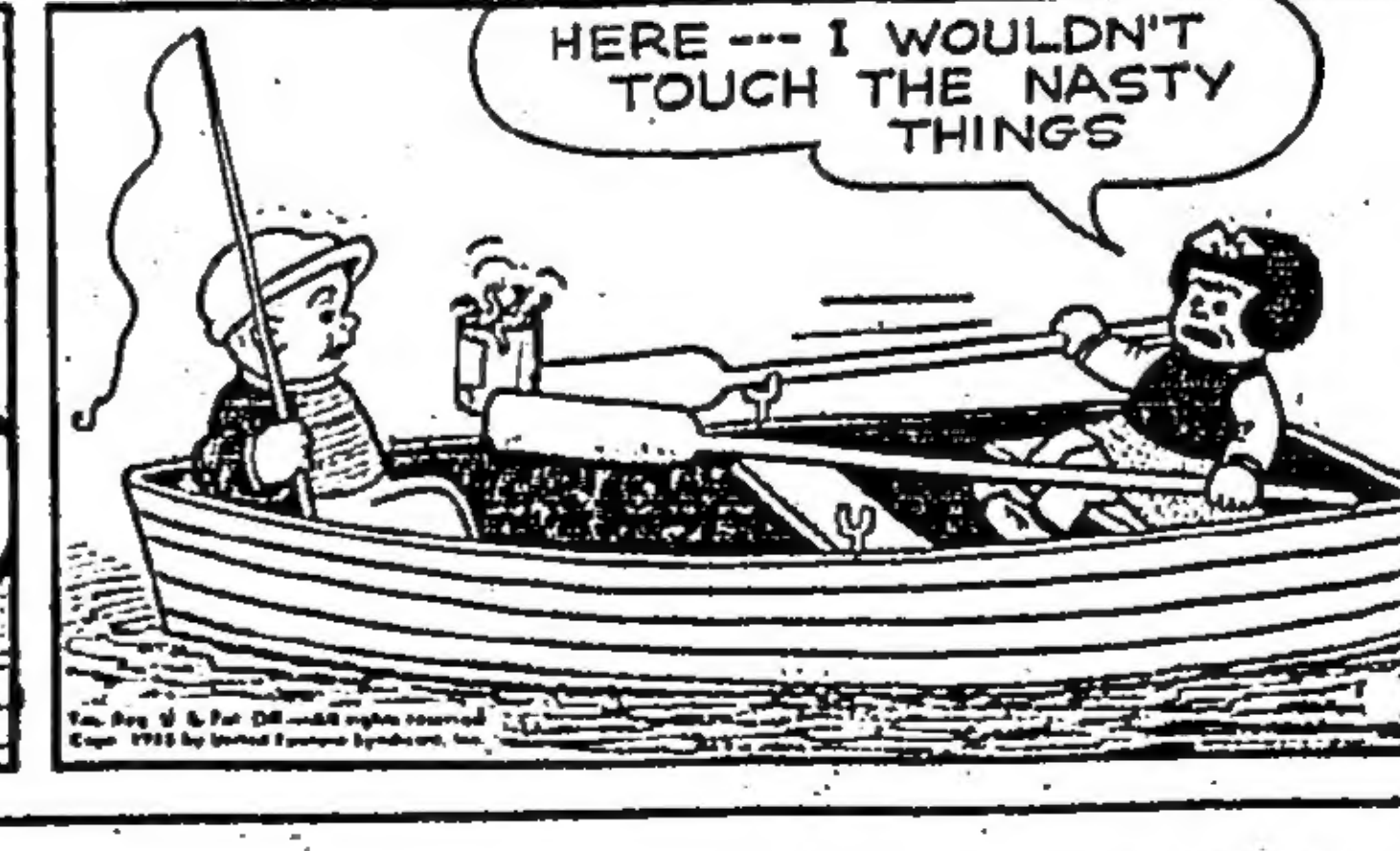
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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

A Start In Life

SOMEWHERE in North London a middle-aged man and his wife will have heard by now what has happened to Richard, and the news will sicken them.

They have known Richard for a long time, this married couple. When he was a baby, they adopted him. When his true parents were neither they nor he have ever known.

The couple in North London brought up the baby into childhood, saw him through boyhood, steered his course, and set him towards being a man. He left them to undertake his military service, and he was hardly out of their sight before he got into trouble, was arrested for stealing and charged with the crime.

SPURNED

RICHARD'S foster-parents were well-to-do, the father able to give the boy every chance in the world to make good, and wanting to do that.

Richard rewarded everything that was done for him, every chance offered, with scorn. He preferred to go his own way—into prison, out of prison, living on the fringes of life.

When he came out of prison last Richard went up to the north. He claims that there he got jobs as a trowler-herd in the boats sailing out of Hull. But he could not live that life for long, with a chip on his shoulder the size of a biblical beam in the eye.

TO PICCADILLY

EITHER he was not good at this job or he grew tired of it. The other day he quit the east coast and returned to London.

He joined the seedy company that centres itself upon Piccadilly Circus, and was caught there within a day or two of his arrival, trying to sell an exposure-meter, value at £6, that he had come by in some way, he could not explain.

Richard was charged at Bow Street next morning with being in possession of the instrument which was labelled "reasonably believed to have been stolen." To this charge he pleaded guilty, before Mr. Bertram Reece.

Richard is a chunky, fair-complexioned young man, 23 now, with curly hair and eyes that do not hold anything for long at a time in their gaze.

ENVIOUS

A POLICEMAN went into the witness box, and said: "This man's foster-father has tried to give him all the help that any man could ever need to start off well in life."

The officer sounded almost envious, as if he wished he himself had had half of the chances that had been offered to the man in the dock.

"There are five previous convictions," the officer went on, and he detailed Richard's crimes.

"What do you want to say?" Mr. Reece asked Richard.

"Just that a chap who is the meter to knock off, I mean sell, in the Circus," he answered. "I don't know anything more about it but I plead guilty all the same."

A SHRUG

"YOU have a shocking record," said Mr. Reece. "If you continue like this, when you attain the requisite age, you will get a long sentence of preventive detention. That's what you're heading for. Go to prison for two months."

Richard shrugged, and went off. The couple in North London would hear presently the outcome of the case, and begin to doubt as parents always do, to apportion between them blame that was not their due, for the things their adopted son had done.

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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Cancer Victim's Will A Poignant And Human Document

From H. King Wood

Sydney, July 14.
From the Probate Court this week came a story from what has been described as "one of the most human documents ever lodged".

Jeff James, who was secretary of the New South Wales branch of the Australian Journalists' Association, bequeathed in his will a "special warning to the public on cancer".

Jeff James, who died of cancer in April this year, was one of the few men for whom all journalists throughout Australia had considerable affection. He died quite bravely, but rather bitterly because, as he said in his will, three doctors in turn had prescribed for him medicine, hot water bottles and surgery.

But when cancer was the final verdict, Jeff accepted it, told friends that he would record everything he possibly could until the last moment, with the hope that what he wrote down might be of some use in the future to cancer victims.

Journalists throughout Australia tried to save Jeff. They heard that US doctors might be able to help. There was a call for a pound a head to send him to America. Not only did newspaper subscribers, but also newspaper proprietors to whom Jeff had been a friendly enemy for so many years.

Somewhere about £5,000 was in hand when news came that specialists in the United States might be able to keep him alive six months longer, but that was all.

HIS WARNING

So Jeff died in April. In his will, made public in the court this week, he said:

"On the subject of the dread scourge of cancer I bequeath a special warning to the public couched in terms warranted by my own tragic personal experience during the immediate past eight months.

"I warn every citizen who has experienced a pain for a week or more in one spot, no matter how slight, immediately to have a thorough overhaul by a doctor.

"This warning is not out of place because since September last I have reported to three doctors my loss of weight and the presence of pain in the back ribs.

"In turn the three doctors prescribed for me (1) a 3/6 bottle of medicine, (2) two hot water bottles for my left rib and (3) advice that I should recommence surfing as soon as possible.

"None of these doctors advised X-rays."

Mr. James urged the end of economy campaigns in NSW hospitals and these comforts—every bed should be provided with radio earphones and its own lamp, sharper needles for injections, sharper needles.

He said a patient often received 150 to 200 injections in the upper leg muscles. There were not enough needles and many were only sharpened once a week, inflicting considerable pain.

Fun of the air: Radio Quizmaster Jack Davey to contestant: "Which American city did King Kong terrorise?"

Contestant: "Hongkong."

30-A-WEEK PENSION

Sir William McKell, who recently retired as Governor-General of Australia, has begun to draw his £30 a week Parliamentary pension.

Sir William was the Labour Premier of New South Wales when appointed Governor-General, and during his five years in that office continued to pay his contribution into the Pension Fund to preserve entitlement.

His application to now draw the pension has caused some resentment among private MPs. They say that, firstly, a former Governor-General should not draw on a political pension, and secondly, that when Premier he was very much opposed to the formation of the pension scheme.

STRANGE SITUATION

A strange situation has arisen in the Sydney suburb of Ryde where a man, who for some time has been paid by the Water Board to do a job, suddenly turns round and pays the Board so that he can keep it.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'm a Democrat! Since the Republicans are in, Dad has got so excited about budget talk he has lopped a buck off my allowance!"

East German Govt Ready To Take Part In Elections

Berlin, July 15.

The East German Council of Ministers (Cabinet) today declared readiness to take part in all-German elections.

The East German news agency ADN published a communique of the meeting of Ministers in which they proposed a meeting of East and West German representatives to prepare the way for all-German elections.

"The Government of East Germany," the communique declared, "despite Adenauer's (Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor) provocative dealings... it is ready for discussions with plenipotentiary representatives of West Germany on the question of preparing a peaceful reunification of Germany by means of free all-German elections on the question of the speedy conclusion of a peace treaty with Germany."

The report said that a "spectacular increase" could be achieved by replacing poor quality native pastures with adequately fertilised improved pastures.

A Dane who for the past seven years has studied native customs in three continents, is now on his way to live and hunt with Australian aborigines.

The Dane, Mr. Jens Bjerre, is off to the wildest part of Arnhem Land where he will film and study the tribal life of the natives.

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LADY WOLMER STRANDING INQUIRY Ship Had No Modern Navigational Aids Says Captain

The British merchant ship, mv Lady Wolmer, had none of the modern aids to navigation, it was revealed today at the inquiry into the stranding of the ship, which went aground on Cheju Island off the South Korean coast on May 19, and was abandoned as a total loss.

In the witness box at the Marine Court, her Master, Captain W. E. Jones, said that the ship had no gyro-compasses, no radar, no echosounding gear and no direction-finding gear. She had, however, two excellent magnetic compasses which were compared at every watch. These compasses had not been swung by compass-adjusters since 1951, although they had been swung frequently, by the ship's officers.

The ship, owned by Wheelock Murden and Co. Ltd., met with disaster while on her way to Inchon from Pusan with a general cargo.

The Court of Inquiry comprises Mr. T. B. Low, Marine Magistrate (President), Captain R. C. Lewis, R.N., Queen's Harbour Master, and Captain W. Lumsden, Master Mariner, Marine Superintendent of the China Navigation Company Ltd.

Assisting the Court in the charting of the vessel on maps is Mr. W. D. Leighton, Marine Officer.

Mr. R. F. G. Dennis of Messrs. Brutton and Co., represents Captain W. E. Jones and his First Mate, Mr. Fish.

Questioned on his background, Captain Jones, who is 39 and lives at 4, Humphreys Buildings, Kowloon, said he first went to sea in 1930 at the age of 16, and since that time had been continuously at sea except for short periods of unemployment in the 1930s. He obtained his Master's Certificate of Competency in October 1943.

During the war, Captain Jones said, he served on a number of ships, and at one time was Second Mate of the Union Castle Company's vessel Dunard Castle on the voyage when she exploded in the Red Sea.

He first came to Far Eastern waters at the end of 1946, since when he has been Chief Officer, First Mate or Master on a number of ships. He received his first appointment as Master in August 1947.

In January 1951 he joined Messrs. Wheelock Murden and Co., and took command of the Lady Wolmer in July 1952.

The gross tonnage of the ship, he said, was 1,883 tons, and her net tonnage 1,014 tons. She was a motor-vessel of unusual ferro-concrete construction. As far as he knew she was the latest vessel of that type. Her normal speed was 9 1/2 knots.

After explaining the lay-out of the ship, number of boiler-rooms, engine-rooms, masts, etc., Captain Jones said she had none of the modern navigational aids. He had never had cause, however, to doubt her two magnetic compasses which were frequently tested.

Apart from the Chief Officer, Mr. Fish, who joined the ship in 1953 there were no other certificated officers on board. A man called Leung Yiu was the Chief Bosun who performed duties similar to those of a deck officer.

The Chief Engineer, Mr. Kennedy, was not certificated.

Captain Jones added that he had never had any cause for complaint in his crew, most of whom had been on the vessel longer than he had. There were no "green" men—all were seasoned sailors and very satisfactory hands.

On the voyage on which the disaster occurred the Lady Wolmer was part-loaded with a general cargo of 328 tons, taken on at Japan and bound for Inchon, South Korea. On her route she called at Pusan.

Captain Jones said that it had occurred to him that the waters around Cheju Island might have been affected by the war in Korea. He had never before made the trip in darkness and therefore made enquiries from his agents, asking for charts and information. The agents, however, said they had neither; the only people who could help were the MSTS (equivalent of the Sea Transport Office) who, Captain Jones said, to the best of his knowledge did not provide information for Masters on private voyages.

The Lady Wolmer was on a private voyage, although her cargo was for the troops in Korea.

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BROTHEL IN HOTEL, CHARGE

The House Manager of the Hennessy Hotel, Yim Cheung, 35, appeared before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning charged with keeping a brothel in the hotel, and permitting the second floor of the premises to be used as lodgings for prostitutes.

Chan Kung, the No. 1 Boy of the hotel also appeared in Court charged with aiding and abetting in the offences, which were alleged to have taken place yesterday.

Both defendants, represented by Mr. P. J. Griffiths, were remanded until tomorrow.

Two women, Cheung Yuet-ying, 30, of 100 Shing Woo Road, second floor, and Li Yuet-fong, 24, of 29 Sugar Street, second floor, and three men, Ip Sun-chor, 33, of 27 Li Tung Street, second floor, Chiu Sing, 43, of 29 Sugar Street, first floor and Li Kwan, 28, of hut 100 in Cheungshawan Village, were also remanded for one day on charges of living off the earnings of prostitutes.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada appeared for Ip Sun-chor.

Ex-King To Go
On Trial

Cairo, July 15.

Former King Farouk will be tried before a court on a charge of corrupting the political life of Egypt, Army officials announced today.

The King has been living in Italy since his abdication and so presumably will be tried in absentia. The Army paper said the responsible authorities were preparing a case against him.

It also said the former Premier, Ibrahim Abdel Hadi, would be tried on a charge of being an accomplice in the alleged corruption. —Aled Press.

Gen Cruddas Flies
To Okinawa

Major-General R. C. Cruddas, GOC, Land Force, Hong Kong, left for Okinawa by Quaker plane en route to Japan and Korea on a routine visit this morning.

Dance Cancelled

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, it has become necessary to cancel the informal dance which was to have been held at the KBGC on Saturday next.

RAF Fighter Plane Crashes

Singapore, July 16.
An RAF Hornet fighter from Butterworth airfield crashed into the sea off Penang Island during a practice flight yesterday.

The body of the pilot, whose name was withheld until the next of kin were informed, was recovered and taken back to Butterworth.

This is the second Butterworth-based plane to crash this year. On May 14 a Hornet fighter crashed during a routine air strike on a Communist hide-out, killing the pilot, Flight-Lieutenant Dennis Parsons, which later led to the tragic killing of the two Parsons children and the attempted suicide of his wife.—United Press.

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